

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 20, 2005

A meeting of the Operations and Facilities Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority Board of Commissioners was held on December 20, 2005 at the rise of the Finance Committee, pursuant to notice at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were, Committee Chairman Jerry Massa, Commissioners Joe Judge, Dale Venturini, Paul MacDonald, Jeff Hirsh and David A. Duffy.

Also in attendance, Jim McCarvill, Ken Mancuso and Betty Sullivan, Convention Center Authority; Tim Muldoon and Debbie Tuton, SMG/RICC; Bruce Leach, Legal Counsel and Eileen Smith, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Massa called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Noting the distribution of the minutes of the November meeting Mr. Massa entertained a motion to approve.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the November meeting

Mr. Duffy advised that the committees were being reconfigured. He said that beginning in January there would be four committees the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee, the Convention Center Committee, Marketing Committee and the Audit Committee.

Mr. Massa asked Mr. Muldoon to report on the Parking Garage. Mr. Muldoon reported that a survey had been conducted to compare current parking rates in the city. Mr. Muldoon said that based on the information gathered and taking into consideration that the Rhode Island Convention Center parking garage is the safest and cleanest enclosed parking structure in the City, he would recommend increasing rates. (Memo with suggested rate changes attached). Mr. Muldoon stated that the rates have not increased in a year and a half and he feels that we are undervaluing ourselves. Mr. Judge asked how much parking is available at the Holiday Inn and the Fogarty Building. Mr. Muldoon stated that there is not much and the new rates should not be a hardship. Ms. Venturini asked how this would affect employees or URI parking. Ms. Sullivan said that URI has a contract and the increase would not affect this contract. Mr. McCarvill stated that we need to stay near the bottom of the rate structure. Mr. Duffy inquired about the event rate. Mr. Muldoon stated that the event rate would be kept at \$8.00 with a premium rate for concerts at \$20.00. He continued that everyone else is at \$25.00 to

\$30.00. Mr. Judge asked Mr. Muldoon if he could see the mall reversing their price increase. Mr. Muldoon said that no one will go below our rates. Mr. Judge said that he would support the increase. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Judge and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: to recommend to the Board an increase in parking rates as attached

Ms. Venturini said that we should look at this more often. Mr. Judge said that perhaps as part of the budget process.

Mr. Muldoon reported that an RFP for lighting in the South Garage will be issued. He noted that an RFP for combining utilities at the facilities has been issued. Mr. Muldoon continued that the time is right for us to explore the market.

Mr. Muldoon reported that GTECH has been in contact and that there is a great deal of interest in our garage. He expected to hear back latter in the week.

Mr. Leach noted that parking at the Dunkin' Donuts Center will require more investigation because of a City ordinance. He said that when the building was owned by the City they were grandfathered in. Mr. Judge said that is something that will have to be addressed.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Massa sought a motion to adjourn.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. Hirsh it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 4:45 p.m.